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OF THE

GENERAL

Christian Missionary Convention,

HELD IN

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., OCT. 23–26, 1879.

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180 Elm Street, Cincinnati, O.

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1879-1880.

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General Christian Missionary Convention.

Thirtieth Anniversary.

Bloomington, Ill., *October* 23, 1879, 2 P. M.

The thirtieth annual meeting of the General Christian Missionary Convention assembled at the Christian Chapel, in the city of Bloomington, Illinois, at the above named time. The president, Dr. W. H. Hopson, having called the meeting to order, invited L. H. Jameson to conduct the devotional exercises, who read Isa. li., and led in prayer. After singing a hymn, A. I. Hobbs, pastor of the Bloomington Church, read telegrams from Bethany, West Virginia, announcing the partial destruction of our college building there.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

On Credentials.—J. W. Mountjoy, Missouri; J. T. Topf, Illinois; W. A. Belding, New York; George Darsie, Kentucky, and J. H. Stover, Indiana.

On Order of Business.—A. I. Hobbs, Illinois; T. P. Haley, Missouri; C. C. Cline, Kentucky; R. Moffett, Ohio, and F. M. Kirkham, Iowa.

The Committee on Order of Business reported as follows, which was adopted:

Thursday Afternoon.

1. Enrollment of delegates.
2. Report of the Board.
3. Report of the Treasurer.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Oral reports from State Evangelists.
6. Short addresses.
7. Adjournment at 5 P. M.

Thursday, 7 P. M.

1. 7–7:30.—Devotional exercises, to be led by J. N. Smith, of Iowa.
2. The President's Address.

The Committee on Enrollment then made the following complete report:

ENROLLMENT.

LIFE DIRECTORS.

West Virginia.—W. K. Pendleton.
Missouri.—D. P. Henderson.
Ohio.—R. M. Bishop, Mrs. R. M. Bishop.
New York.—W. A. Belding.
Kentucky.—O. A. Bartholomew.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Missouri.—T. P. Haley, Mrs. S. F. Eastin.
Ohio.—F. M. Green.
Kentucky.—Dr. W. H. Hopson.
West Virginia.—Mrs. W. K. Pendleton, Mrs. Alex. Campbell.
Illinois.—L. R. Norton.

DELEGATES FROM STATES.

Illinois.—A. I. Hobbs, N. S. Haynes, M. M. Goode, N. E. Cory, Ira J. Chase, G. W. Mapes, F. M. Bruner, H. W. Everest, R. D. Cotton, J. H. Wright, W. F. Richardson, W. F. Eastman, M. R. Elder, R. B. Colcord, J. W. Allen.

Missouri.—D. P. Henderson, John Burns, J. H. Garrison, C. B. Edgar, J. H. Hardin, J. W. Monser, A. B. Jones, J. Z. Taylor, J. T. Newnan, R. Lin. Cave, E. B. Cake, J. R. Buchanan, J. W. Mountjoy, O. A. Carr, T. P. Haley.

Indiana.—L. H. Jameson, E. L. Frazier, J. H. McCullough, S. J. Tomlinson, S. K. Hoshour, J. M. Darnall, R. L. Howe, A. B. Mastin, O. F. Lane, J. H. Stover, Mrs. R. T. Brown, O. A. Burgess.

Virginia.—C. S. Lucas.

Ohio.—R. Moffett, Isaac Errett, A. S. Hayden, T. J. Clapp, R. M. Bishop, J. H. Rosecrans, W. B. Ebbert, R. S. Groves, R. G. White, H. S. Bosworth.

Iowa.—F. M. Kirkham, D. R. Lucas, J. N. Smith, J. H. Painter, B. W. Johnson, Simpson Ely.

New York.—W. A. Belding.

Colorado.—W. H. Williams.

Kentucky.—P. B. Wiles, Geo. Darsie, Enos Campbell, B. S. Campbell, W. C. Holton, S. M. Jefferson, O. A. Bartholomew, J. W. McGarvey, Miss Mary A. Myers, Dr. W. H. Hopson, Mrs. P. B. Wiles, Preston Taylor (colored), C. C. Cline.

Wisconsin.—Ira Parmley, H. T. Morrison, Mrs. Ira Parmley.

VISITORS.

Illinois.—A. H. Trowbridge, Asa Dunham, T. J. Burton, W. H. Johnson, B. E. Bowman, John Lindsey, C. H. Caton, Geo. W. Minier, M. H. Tipton, John B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Naramore, Mr. and Mrs. John Gunzen-

houser, Mrs. R. Nye, Mary Walkup, Miss Jessie Carter, Mrs. A. I. Hobbs, T. H. Denny, T. F. LaDue, Mrs. R. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Fisher, Mrs. E. L. Chapman, Mrs. J. W. Spriggs, H. Lemert, A. R. Stoner, Mrs. M. E. Lovell, Mrs. B. J. Radford, Mrs. Mary Boulware, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Doane, Miss Emma Pickerill, Mrs. E. B. Lyon, Mrs. M. Sitherwood, Mrs. E. T. Waldo, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Christian, Geo. W. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Fox, J. T. Toof, Mrs. K. A. S. Judy, Mrs. Jennie Drum, S. F. Savage, K. C. Lloyd, T. B. Stanley, A. W. Avery, Geo. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Maupin, H. E. Puette, L. B. Pickerill, G. K. Berry, W. B. Berry, Mrs. Mary M. Davenport, W. F. Bischoff, Gen. Sec. Y. M. C. A., Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Nance, Miss Maggie Nance, Mrs. Harriet T. Brookfield, Eld. John Yager, J. G. Waggoner, T. T. Bryan, Miss Mattie Roberts, Mrs. B. M. Silvers, Mrs. A. H. Trowbridge, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fenton, Mrs. Mary Saunders, Edwin Stewart, Jefferson Wetzel, Miss Belle Wetzel, E. T. C. Bennett, Galesburg.

Missouri.—Mrs. J. R. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Errett, B. F. Boone and wife, Miss Bettie Glover, Mrs. T. P. Haley, Mrs. Georgia McBride, Mrs. E. B. Cake, D. T. Alger, Mrs. R. M. Herron and daughter, Mrs. J. H. Hardin.

Kentucky.—Mrs. P. J. Smith.

Iowa.—Lucy S. Scott, Marinda Loomis, Mrs. D. R. Stephens, C. W. Moore.

Indiana.—W. P. Applegate, Mrs. E. M. Hinman, Miss Ray Piety, Mrs. R. L. Howe.

Connecticut.—Mrs. E. J. Toof.

The Corresponding Secretary, F. M. Green, then read the report of the Board for the year, as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

DELEGATES AND BRETHREN:—We are again at the close of another missionary year, and it becomes our duty to present to you a report of the work undertaken, by your authority, during the year.

FINANCIAL.

We entered upon the duty assigned to us with no money in our treasury, but with the firm belief that if we made an effort to do something worthy, the brethren would come to our support. In this we have not been disappointed, as the following financial statement will show:

Receipts.

Cash receipts from all sources	$ 6,029 09
Notes (thirty)	15,475 00
Bequests (one)	2,000 00
Total	$23,504 09

Expenses.

Expenses for all purposes	$5,883 27
In treasury at this date (cash)	145 82
Notes and bequests	17,475 00
Total	23,504 09

It ought to be said of the notes, etc., referred to above, that they are not at present available; but they are supposed to be good.

Summarized by States, the cash receipts are as follows:

California	1	contribution	$	50
Wyoming Territory	1	"	1	00
Connecticut	1	"	10	00
Maryland	1	"	10	00
Vermont	2	"	11	55
Nebraska	4	"	161	15
Florida	2	"	9	28
Tennessee	2	"	8	72
Kansas	2	"	5	65
Minnesota	3	"	9	00
South Carolina	3	"	53	00
Georgia	6	"	24	05
Iowa	4	"	66	00
West Virginia	4	"	11	80
New Mexico	2	"	60	00
Virginia	6	"	20	56
Wisconsin	6	"	52	32
Canada	1	"	75	00
Michigan	8	"	81	92
New York	20	"	393	50
Pennsylvania	20	"	298	20
Kentucky	38	"	446	99
Illinois	58	"	469	54
Indiana	50	"	562	92
Missouri	78	"	370	57
Ohio	181	"	1,312	17
(Contributions came from 138 churches and thirty Sunday-schools.)				
Interest on Bacon Bequest			40	58
Hymn Book Fund (1878)			394	79
" " " (1879)			1,000	00
Collection at Cincinnati			69	43
Total receipts			$6,029	09

It is now ten full years since the organization of the General Christian Missionary Convention with its present Constitution. The following table will show the cash receipts each year into the General Treasury, exclusive of what was raised, by States co-operating, for local State work:

1870	$4,529 91	1876	$6,061 84
1871	4,308 15	1877	4,726 77
1872	2,801 04	1878	2,237 11
1873	4,158 89	1879	6,029 09
1874	5,172 28		
1875	4,671 10	Total	$44,696 18

Of this amount, $7,817.43 are the proceeds of the sale of the Hymn Book.

This statement shows that, notwithstanding the fearful battle which the Society has been compelled to fight against: (1) The alienations produced by the late war; (2) The general poverty of the people, caused by the financial crash of 1873; (3) The indifference of a large number to any co-operative missionary work, and (4) the open, terrible hostility of others, the Society has lost no ground; but has been steadily advancing, until its present prospects, if not flattering, are at least substantial.

WORK DONE.

The field of our operations during the year has included Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina.

Through the aid rendered by us, Bro. R. C. Barrow has been kept in the field all his time in Nebraska. He has preached 297 sermons and added 136 members to the church—of which number, sixty-nine were baptized. He has not been able to do a tithe of what ought to be done in that rapidly growing State, or to respond to a hundred cries for help. But he has "done what he could."

The following extracts from his report to us will give you some idea of the condition of Nebraska: "I think the prospects for successful missionary work in Nebraska are better than ever before. The vast region north of the Platte River, nearly one-half of the State, and in which we have but five small congregations, seems in a very favorable condition to receive the gospel. I am now working successfully in this field. Isolated brethren on our rapidly settling western border are writing for aid; and almost all say, 'I believe a large congregation could be built up here.' In closing the labors of the year, I am saddened by the contemplation of the great work that could apparently be done had we the men and means to accomplish it. A faithful and persistent effort will establish a church at almost any point in our State. The people are far more susceptible and ready to receive the truth than they are in older States, where church relations are firmly established. I have labored, as best I could, in Nebraska for fourteen years, and sometimes think I ought to *rest;* but with such precious interests at stake, and so many souls to save, I can not rest till I reach my Father's house. The future is with God."

In South Carolina Bro. J. L. Burns has been employed all of his time since January 1, 1879. The results of his labors for eight months are 150 sermons and forty additions to the church—twenty by baptism. He has visited Newberry, Helena, Greenwood and Hodges regularly, and Shiloh and Antioch occasionally. He has also visited the western part of the State, and held protracted meetings at Enon, Bethany and Union. These meetings were all successful. In his report, he says: "All this labor has been accomplished against great opposition by the various denominations. All of them are united in their efforts against the Disciples of Christ. Considering all of the circumstances by which we have been surrounded, we have all reason to be thankful for the good that has been done. All the honor, under the blessing of God, is due to the General Missionary Board, for their aid to the brethren here; without it there would not have been any preacher in this western portion of the State. These brethren still need the fostering care and support of the General Missionary Convention in order to hold the ground already won. I do not think there is a field in all the States that should command the energies of the Board more than this portion of South Carolina."

By the appropriation of a small sum, Bro. J. A. Perdue was enabled to give one-fourth of his time at a destitute point in Georgia. He has preached twenty sermons and baptized two persons. He has, in many ways, brought the claims of the Missionary Society to the attention of the churches where he has labored. Six churches have co-operated with us during the year and have contributed to our treasury $24.05. There are some brave men in Geor-

gia and Alabama, who are doing their best to encourage the churches to co-operate in preaching the gospel in "regions beyond." This Society ought not to forget them. Such men as Dr. David Adams, James L. Adams, J. M. Ammons, Jr., J. A. Perdue, and others whom we could name, are worthy of our regard.

Bro. Ammons, of Griffin, Georgia, writes: "We have a missionary movement on foot, organized on Friday before the third Lord's Day in August last, in which eleven churches were represented. Three hundred dollars were pledged to sustain an evangelist for 1880. I was chosen as the evangelist, to labor for one-half of my time for $300. Can not the General Society supplement this that I may be in the field all my time? There never was such a field of labor, as this, ripe for the harvest."

In Dakota good work has been done by Wm. Herrington and J. M. Wood. Our remittances to them have been small; but small as they have been, we believe that these brethren have been able to do what they could not have done without them.

Bro. Herrington has preached 125 sermons and added twenty-five to the church—fifteen of these by baptism. Bro. Wood has preached not less than fifty sermons, and added to the church ten. Dakota is a promising field; and a good man, well supported there, could do a great work.

Our work in Kansas has been confined mainly to two places: Hiawatha in Brown County, and Parsons and Lodore in Labette and Neosho counties. At Hiawatha the brethren have completed a good house of worship, and have had the services of J. F. Berry a portion of his time for the last two years. One year since, their then nearly completed house of worship was burned to the ground; but, nothing daunted, they began again at the foundation, and now have completed their second house. We believe that the encouragement that we gave them, and the money we appropriated there, has had much to do in securing this result. These brethren are entitled to all honor for the bold, persistent and Christian effort they have made. At Parsons a meeting was held by P. W. Shick, resulting in nine additions. At Lodore J. W. Randall conducted a meeting, preaching twenty-five sermons and adding twelve persons to the church—ten of whom were baptized. These meetings were paid for partly from the proceeds of the "Bacon Bequest." Kansas is a rich field, and great results could be obtained if we only had the means to carry out our desires for that State.

Help has also been given to the earnest brethren at Knoxville, Tennessee, by which the church has been encouraged to provide itself with a good church-building. A meeting held there by Bro. J. D. Hamaker resulted in two additions. We have rendered some assistance to the brethren in Chattanooga, in the same State, thus enabling them "to hold the fort" until better things can be done.

Bro. H. J. Brayboy has been assisted in his work in Florida and Alabama. He has been a tireless and efficient worker among the colored people of these States. He has preached sixty-two sermons and received forty-nine additions.

W. H. Willoughby, another colored preacher, has also received some assistance and encouragement from us.

In connection with the South Kentucky Sunday-school Association, Bro. D. R. Wilkins has been employed to labor among the colored people of that part of the State. He began his labors about July 1, and has been very successful. He has had over thirty-five additions already. This mission is mainly under the management of the Sunday-school Association, but it is doubtful whether the work would have been undertaken without our aid and encouragement.

A wonderful field is open for effective work among the colored people, and this Convention ought to make every provision possible to enter it. We submit the question for your further consideration.

We have also expended a small amount in aid of the church at St. Paul, Minnesota. But the needs were so great in that city that we found ourselves wholly inadequate, with the means at our command, to do more than to express our good will toward the church there. We name with pride the following persons, who, for a greater or less time, have been employed by us during the year, viz: D. A. Quick, H. J. Brayboy, W. H. Willoughby, D. R. Wilkins, J. M. Wood, Wm. Herrington, J. F. Berry, J. A. Perdue, J. L. Burns and R. C. Barrow.

This report would be altogether unwieldy if we were to incorporate into it even a tithe of the appeals which come to us from every direction– from New England, from Colorado and beyond, from Dubuque, Iowa, from Minnesota, from Georgia, the Carolinas, Alabama, Tennessee, and, indeed, from almost everywhere in this great land of ours. We feel like putting these questions: What answer shall be sent back? What are you going to do about it?

Dr. W. A. Belding, who has acted as an agent of the Society during the year, in securing notes and bequests, besides his special work, has preached 227 sermons and added fifty-nine to the church.

L. L. Carpenter spent one-half of his time for the Missionary Society, and one-half for the Sunday School Association; visited forty-seven counties, and held nearly fifty Sunday School Institutes. In addition to attending to all the business correspondence, etc., he preached, on an average, more than one sermon per day, and baptized more than one hundred persons, although he spent but little time in protracted meetings.

Besides these men above referred to, your Corresponding Secretary has been at work constantly. His correspondence has amounted, in letters and circulars, to nearly 3,000. He has preached, and delivered Sunday-school and missionary addresses to the number of 214. There have been added to the churches he has visited, and upon the occasion of his visits, twenty-nine. He has passed no call unheeded, where it was possible to make response. He has attended tbe missionary conventions of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri and Wisconsin, and the State Sunday-school conventions of Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois and Wisconsin; besides conducting a series of Sunday-school institutes in Indiana, Southeastern Ohio, and one in West Virginia. He has attempted to do everything that the Convention, and its constitution, required of him. In the full sense of the term, he has been a "missionary" during the entire year.

The following table will present, in a brief space, the results of the year, in sermons and additions by those who have been employed by the Society:

Whole number of sermons	1220
Whole number of additions	408

BEQUESTS, ETC.

The Convention last year ordered a "Standing Committee" or agency on bequests, whose duty it should be to look after this matter and "report to the Board from time to time."

The following report has been made to the Board by the Chairman of the Committee, Dr. W. A. Belding, of New York:

Notes	30	$15,475 00
Bequests	1	2,000 00
Cash		1,247 31

For this and other services rendered he has received, from his collections, $1,247.31, leaving, as the net proceeds of his labor, notes and bequests amounting to $17,475.00. It should be understood that many of these notes and pledges were taken for special objects, and none of them are at present available.

WORK BY STATES.

Your Board was instructed by the last Convention "to collect and present a condensed statement of the work of each of the organized States to this Convention."

So far as we are able to obey this instruction, the following is the result:

OHIO.—May, 1878, to May, 1879.

SUMMARY OF LABOR.

Number of days' service	1,668
Number of sermons preached	1,147
Number of baptisms	197
Number of other accessions	110
Churches visited and assisted	69
New and unorganized points visited	15
Churches organized	5
Pastors aided	5
Young men being educated for the ministry	7
Number of Missionary and Sunday School Conventions held	38
Amount of money raised for missions	$13,832 25

INDIANA.—October to October.

Number of days of service	508
Number of sermons preached	495
Number of baptisms	185
Number of other accessions	95
Total number of accessions	280
Number of new churches organized	5
Number of new and unorganized points visited	12
Number of churches visited and assisted	57
Pastors aided	9
Churches assisted to pastors	30

MICHIGAN.—September to September.

Number of preachers employed	7
Number of baptisms	83
Number of other accessions	35
Amount raised for missions	$369 92

MARYLAND.—November to November.

Number of churches co-operating	10
Amount raised for home preaching	$6,245 00
Number of members	1,635
Number of additions	247
Amount raised for missions	$275 00

ILLINOIS.—September to September. No report.

MISSOURI.—September to September. No report.

KENTUCKY.—September to September.

Amount of money raised	$2,229 46
Five-year pledges	13,929 75

WISCONSIN.—September to September.

Days	50
Sermons	75
Baptisms	25
Other additions	15
Money raised for missions	$152 32

WEST VIRGINIA.—September to September.

Money raised for missions	$56 05

VIRGINIA.—October to October.

Days	1,045
Sermons	1,060
Baptisms	485
Other accessions	520
Money raised for missions	$2,940 00

NORTH CAROLINA.—September to September.

Baptisms	275
Other accessions	88
Money raised for missions	$350 00

NEW YORK.—October to October.

Baptisms	202
Other accessions	72
Money raised	$3,713 84

NEBRASKA.—September to September.

Days	365
Sermons	297
Baptisms	69
Other accessions	67
Money raised for missions	$1,200 00

RECAPITULATION.

Whole number of days' service reported	3,655	
" " " sermons preached reported	3,074	
" " " baptisms reported	1,671	
" " " other accessions reported	1,099	
" amount of money raised for missions reported		$30,372 10
" " " pledges	13,929 75 17,475 00	
Total cash and pledges reported		$61,776 85

The whole amount of money raised and disbursed during the year by the Society, for all purposes, was $5,252.66.

The full returns would increase this amount quite largely. It ought to be understood that the amount of money raised and reported for missions is in addition to what is raised and expended by congregations in their individual capacity and for local purposes. Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky and Michigan have done a large amount of district and other work, of which no report was made. Ohio is the only State wherein all the districts are in such a perfection of organization as to make it possible for the State Society to publish anything like accurate statistics each year. We hope to be able to improve on our report from the States next year.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

The Sunday school workers of the brotherhood have not been idle. State Conventions have been held in California, Ohio, New York, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa and Indiana. Some of these have been held in connection with the State Missionary Conventions, and that in Ohio was an Inter-State Convention—Indiana and Ohio joining in it. J. H. Hardin, in Missouri; C. C. Cline and P. H. Duncan, in Kentucky; R. Moffett, E. J. Gantz and F. M. Green, in Ohio; L. L. Carpenter, in Indiana, and others have conducted not less than 200 institutes during the year. The average attendance has been good at all of them, and the best Sunday-school work has been done of any year of our history as a religious people. Our schools are generally prosperous, and our Sunday-school papers are rapidly increasing in their circulation. Not less than 3,000,000 pages of lesson helps have been sent out by our various publishers during the year. Our teachers' journals have a circulation of 10,000 monthly, and our "children's papers" have had an average circulation of 75,000 weekly. In the Sunday-school field, encouragement is the rule; discouragement is the exception.

TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

Your Board was *instructed* by the Convention, in Cincinnati, "to make a liberal appropriation for the wise employment, in its work, of the efficient agency of tract distribution." These instructions were faithfully observed, and over 60,000 pages of tracts and small books, such as "First Principles," and "Sincerity Seeking the Way to Heaven," etc., have been sent into Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Texas, Wyoming Territory, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Kansas, Nebraska, South Carolina and Tennessee, besides a few packages to struggling brethren nearer home. The result of this work no one is able to tabulate. But from letters received from every direction, we believe that a large amount of good has been done, and we earnestly suggest that more attention shall be given to this question.

STATISTICS.

A Committee of five, consisting of F. M. Green, J. B. Briney, R. Moffett, Elias Sias and L. L. Carpenter, were appointed by the last Convention "to

collect the statistics of our people and prepare a statement of them, to be inserted in the United States census to be issued in 1880."

The Committee has done the best that it could do to obey the letter of the above resolution. Proper blanks were prepared and sent, first of all, to our Church papers for publication. Nearly 4,500 of them were sent directly to individuals or churches, with the request that they be properly filled and returned. While the returns have not been so full or so numerous as we desired, still enough have been received to enable us to make a fair summary of our statistics. The best and fullest reports have come from North Carolina, Virginia, Nebraska and Ohio.

By States, the following is the result:

[*The table is too large to be inserted here.*]

We suggest the propriety of continuing the Committee another year, that their work may be more thoroughly completed. No person can tell the difficulties in the way of obtaining a full and accurate statistical report unless he has tried it. We find that many are willing to help in this work, when they find out what is wanted and what they can do. But some have objections to it. The following are among the objections that have appeared:

1. We have estimated ourselves, for years, as 500,000 strong; if we fall below that by actual count, the moral power of our numbers will be lessened.

2. Indifference to the whole question.

3. David numbered Israel, and we had better be careful or the plagues of God will smite us.

4. There is no "Thus saith the Lord for it," and we dare not risk anything.

5. The GENERAL CONVENTION asks it, and we don't want to join a man-made society; and, therefore, we will not report.

With these statements, we submit the question for the further consideration of this body.

OUR DEAD.

During the year three persons, whose names have been associated with this Society for the last quarter of a century, have passed to their final reward. These are James Challen, J. O. Beardslee and Elijah Goodwin.

Bro. Challen was, at the time of his death, a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers of this Convention; Bro. Beardslee died in California; and Elijah Goodwin passed to his rest in Cleveland, Ohio.

These were all good men. The memories of their precious lives are among the rich legacies we have left to us. Each was prompt in duty, earnest in action, zealous in the advocacy of truth, and pure in heart. Bro. Challen was Chairman of the Committee on Obituaries at the last General Convention. He paid a willing tribute to the memory and worth of others; we pay a like tribute to him.

Bro. Beardslee was for many years the missionary of the General Society in Jamaica; and when he was compelled to leave the field for lack of support, still his heart went longingly back to the sinful children of that sea-girt island. He never wavered in his faith in Jamaica as a mission-field.

Bro. Goodwin was always, like the others, unwavering in his support of all

our missionary and church interests, and, for many years, he occupied an official relation to this body. But they are gone! No words of ours can add a gem to their crowns, and no words of ours shall dim the luster of their glorious names.

CONCLUSION.

Thus have we come to the end of another year. Whatever we have left unsaid in our report, that might properly have been said, God knows we have endeavored faithfully to carry out, in letter and in spirit, every resolution of instruction.

We have done what we could! While we can not report great things done, yet we believe that the omens are all good, and that the tendencies of our brethren are in the right direction, in regard to co-operation in behalf of missions. We counsel no changes in our general methods of working; but would rather urge all to greater diligence, greater sacrifice, and greater efforts in behalf of the cause of the Son of God; and we submit our report with the fervent prayer that divine wisdom may guide your deliberations, and that whatever is done or said may be to the glory of His name, "whose we are and whom we serve."

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board.

F. M. GREEN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, *October* 23, 1879.

On motion, it was ordered that the different parts of this report be referred to different Committees.

On Obituaries.—O. A. Burgess, A. S. Hayden and J. W. McGarvey.
On Sunday Schools.—George Darsie, J. H. Hardin and J. H. Stover.
On Bequests.—W. A. Belding, R. Moffett and A. B. Jones.

The matter of missionary work was referred to the Standing Committee, appointed one year ago, consisting of O. A. Burgess, C. L. Loos, Enos Campbell, R. M. Bishop, B. B. Tyler, Isaac Errett and A. E. Myers; W. K. Pendleton being added thereto.

An invitation from its President, E. C. Hewitt, to visit the Normal University in a body, or singly, was received and accepted, so far as the individual members of the Convention may desire.

The report of the Treasurer was read by F. M. Green, and referred to the Auditor; also the report of the Recording Secretary of the Board, Joseph Smith, Jr., was referred to the Auditor.

The following telegram was read:

DORCHESTER, NEB., *October* 22, 1879, *via* PLATTSMOUTH.

F. M. GREEN, *Secretary:* Nebraska State Convention sends greeting. Accept T. W. Pinkerton as our delegate. CHARLES ROWE.

On motion, the Committee on Statistics was continued another year. Its members are: F. M. Green, J. B. Briney, R. Moffett, Elias Sias and L. L. Carpenter.

On Tracts.—Enos Campbell, appointed one year ago; D. P. Henderson was added thereto.

On motion, it was ordered that the Committee on Nominations consist of one from every State represented in this Convention.

O. A. Bartholomew, Ky.; W. H. Williams, Col.; T. W. Pinkerton, Neb.; F. M. Kirkham, Ia.; W. A. Belding, N. Y.; J. Z. Taylor, Mo.; H. T. Morrison, Wis.; J. H. Wright, Ill.; A. S. Hayden, O.; C. S. Lucas, Va.; S. J. Tomlinson, Ind.

R. Moffett, State Evangelist of Ohio, made a few interesting remarks upon the methods of work and success of the Ohio Missionary Society. After announcements, the benediction was pronounced by E. B. Cake.

EVENING SESSION.

At 6.45 P. M. an earnest and profitable devotional meeting was conducted by J. N. Smith, of Iowa, lasting forty-five minutes, after which the Annual Address was delivered by the President.

An overflow meeting was addressed by G. W. Sweeney, of Chicago, at the First Baptist Church.

The order of business for Friday was read and approved, as follows:

Morning.

1. Devotional meeting. Subject: The Temperance Cause.
2. Reports of committees.
3. At 10.45 A. M., an address by Isaac Errett.

Afternoon.

1. Unfinished business.
2. Miscellaneous business.

Evening.

1. Devotional meeting.
2. Address by R. Moffett, of Ohio.

MORNING SESSION.

October 24, 1879.

The Convention met at 8.30 A. M. D. R. Lucas, of Des Moines, Iowa, led an interesting social service, the subject of which was the Temperance Cause.

At 9.15 A. M., the President called the Convention to order for business. F. M. Bruner read a Psalm and offered prayer.

The Minutes were then read and approved.

The Chair appointed, as the committee on the place of holding

the next meeting, A. I. Hobbs, R. S. Groves, O. A. Burgess, Enos Campbell, F. M. Bruner.

No committees having their reports ready, Enos Campbell, of Louisville, Kentucky, appointed one year ago, read an excellent essay on "The Tract and Its Use." The Convention, on motion, requested that our papers publish this essay, as follows:

The instrumentalities God makes use of to accomplish his ends in nature, grace or glory, are, no doubt, many of them, hidden from the gaze or the knowledge of man. Some of his modes of action we may never be able to understand. A knowledge of some of them may be withheld for a time, to pique the curiosity, and thus arouse the dormant faculties of the child of earth, and prepare him for grander mental achievements—for more sublime discoveries—than at present he allows to enter into his wildest dreams.

God has given man two great books to study—the Book of Nature and the Bible. The pages of the former of these mighty folios are open to the gaze of man, and his Maker has given him energy and genius to understand the grand truths, to fathom the profound depths, contained in them. He gradually unfolds to him a knowledge of the hidden laws of nature, and teaches him to utilize her fearful energies in promoting his comfort and enhancing his bliss while he remains a citizen of earth. All material Nature invites the scientist to read her charming pages, and she rewards his study by allowing him to understand her mysteries, after he has toiled for the conquest and labored for the reward. She does not open her treasures to the sluggard—she is shy of the idle gazer, and scorns him who is not enthusiastic in her worship. No cold lover need bow at her feet; she bestows no favors on the callous heart, but opens wide her loving arms to him who comes with passionate yearnings to woo her.

The other book—the Bible—is a message from God to the children of earth—a word from the heavens mingling in with the words of this world, sanctifying and ennobling them—a glorious revelation of things unseen and eternal, which must have remained to us a mystery forever had not the great, good Father sent us this wonderful Book. It is the only authentic record that sheds any light beyond the darkness of the tomb, or that gives us any well-grounded hope of a future life. It is the only source from which we may learn the true character of God, or how to prepare to live with him in the great unbounded life. We learn from it our true origin, nature, relations, obligations and destiny. We can now solve the mystery—why, in a world so fair and beautiful, there should be any deformity to mar its loveliness, or that a being so fearfully and wonderfully made as man—a being of such splendid genius and grand capacity—one who can scan the cycles of the starry heaven, and dive into the mysteries of the rock-ribbed earth—should sorrow, and mourn, and sin; should mock the God who made him, and degrade and debase himself to a level with the brute. All strange contradictions, all anomalies, all wierd mysteries in our lives, are leveled to our comprehension and made clear to our intelligence in the inspired pages of this Book of God; so that there is no longer any wan-

dering in the mists of doubt, or any danger of being lost in the mazes of infidelity, to the children of faith.

God reveals, man discovers. Has man exhausted God, and found him out to perfection? No; with all his splendid achievements in a knowledge of the material and the spiritual, man is but in the vestibule of God's great temple; and those who know the most, feel that they are but sciolists in the knowledge of the ample page of either the physical or metaphysical universe. Still, the loving Father has not left his children in ignorance of those things absolutely necessary to sustain life. These provisions of God's love spring up from the earth, around his very feet, or droop from the tree, to woo his lips, in unbounded profusion; and in the spiritual, the bread of life is still spread on the golden table of God, and all within the sanctuary may eat and live. Yet above and below these essentials there are vast realms yet undiscovered; and he who would gather up the virgin gold, or enjoy the flash of the precious gem, or ever bathe his soul in the soft luster of the pearl, must dig or dive deep, in order to grasp these treasures; and there are mysteries of the stars above, with many a page of glorious thought hidden from the careless gazer, but grandly open to him who, when he catches God's idea, can, in the very enthusiasm of love, cry out, Eureka! Eureka!

We are tyros, not merely in the field of discovery, but we must admit that in our modes of teaching and spreading and enforcing truth we are far from being perfect. The results of our modes are meager compared with what we would expect from so splendid a body of truth as God has given us. The modern pulpit is largely a failure as an agent in disseminating truth. The great masses of the people are not found in the churches. They are estranged from them, and are standing hostile to them. Ministers of all denominations complain that they can't reach the masses, and they soothe themselves with the conviction that the failure is due to the deep depravity of the people, and not from any defect in their modes of presenting the truth to them.

The "Use of Tracts in our Missionary Work," the question on which you have requested me to report to this body, would be a new departure in our established modes of teaching; and, therefore, we must be careful lest a cry of "innovation," long and loud, meet us at the very threshold of the investigation, and stop, as it has in many other good things, our progress. I look upon the use of tracts in our missionary work as of incalculable value. A tract!—What is it? A printed page, merely! A page on which some good man or woman has spent a world of thought. The object is to gain a human soul. A tract! Verily, the most difficult of all literature to write effectually. Some suppose it to be a *multum in parvo;* as commonly understood, this would be a fatal mistake.

Nutriment, extracted from its natural pabulum and concentrated, will not, for any length of time, sustain life. There must not be too much to read or think about in a *tract;* else it will be flung away. Yet the single thought must be an all-important one, and presented in such a way that it will at once claim and enforce the attention of both the head and heart of the reader. It must be written in a manner so wise and subtle that it will flash conviction into a human soul, and prepare it to long for and seek for more. Oh! he must be

a man of genius, and profoundly versed in all the intricacies of the human heart, to write a good tract. A little heart-waif like this, intended to be flung out broadcast on the highways and byways of life, is not intended to exhaust instruction on any one theme; but it is for the purpose of arousing a lethargic soul to cry out for more—a great, deep heart-cry, that will not be satisfied nor comforted until it finds what it now begins to feel it needs and wants.

Growth, material or spiritual, must be by atoms. We don't increase in muscle by the pound, nor in thought by the volume. The most refined food, containing but little nutriment, is sometimes necessary for a sensitive stomach, and a far-off suggestion is frequently more potent to arouse a sluggish brain or heart than the more concentrated thought of the expert. All education must begin with the alphabet, and the progress from the infant mind, which needs but milk, to the mind of Newton, which demands strong meat, must be the slow development of many a year of patient toil. Diamonds can be polished only by removing the atoms of the hard outer crust, which hides the beauty of the flashing gem beneath. The angel is in the marble block—the artist removes the dust around it, and sets the beauteous creature free.

God's plan is to arouse the whole human family by the enunciation of the single truth: "This is my Son, the beloved, in whom I delight;" and he has added to this the single command: "Hear ye him." And when we gather close up to the Great Teacher, lo! we have the simple parable; and what is that but a tract? Flung out broadcast over the vast multitudes that hung upon his lips, and who cried out in the wild enthusiasm of their oriental natures, "Never man spake as this man," who can estimate the power of these inimitable stories over the rough masses of human creatures around him? A complex body of divinity, such as modern theology loves to dwell on, would have been wholly inert over such a simple audience; and it is possible that ministers of the present day take too much for granted with regard to the intellectual status of their congregations.

The *use of the tract*, then, in the work of the saving of souls, either at home of abroad, is invaluable; nor is its agency altogether of modern date. Before the age of printing, Wycliffe circulated his views by means of brief essays, which were passed from hand to hand and transcribed by those who wished to preserve them. Tyndale, also, in 1530, distributed tracts, and found them a potent influence in reaching the benighted masses around him. In 1742, John Wesley, that grand worker and mighty man of God, began the publication and distribution of tracts, and was the first to set the example of modern cheap prices sustained by large sales. In 1795, Mrs. Hannah More commenced, in Bath, the sale of what she called "Cheap Repository Tracts," of which 2,000,000 were sold the first year. The work thus commenced by individual effort has grown wonderfully, and by organized combinations has developed a work overpowering in its magnitude. "The Religious Tract Society," of London, was founded in May, 1799. In fifty years it has received and expended nearly $6,000,000. It has published, of various larger works, 5,138 volumes in 110 different languages—of which it has issued 500,000,000 copies; and the whole number of books, great and small, up to 1861, was 912,000,000 in 114 different languages. Our own beloved country is not behind in these grand works.

"The American Tract Society," of New York, organized in 1825, reported in 1861 its gross receipts in money at $6,884,237. It has published 16,635,583 of larger volumes, and of tracts 219,454,676, with an aggregate number of pages of 5,882,630,598—and all this astounding work done in less than forty years. Such tremendous numbers fall upon the ear, and leave but little impression; but when we remember that it would take a man, working ten hours a day, and counting thirty to the month, nearly 450 years to simply count over the number of pages presented by these earnest workers, then we begin to have some faint conception of what organized effort can accomplish. The practical wisdom of these Tract Societies and kindred ones soon discovered the great truth that underlies all of God's plans for the salvation of the world, viz: that a living man must go with the Book, or it is shorn largely of its power; hence, a colporteur became a necessity to tract distribution. With this living adjunct the system is perfect; without him it would possibly have been a failure. A true colporteur is difficult to find until a loud demand brings him to the surface. A conjunction of qualities must meet in him which are seemingly in opposition to each other. He must be an humble, pious man, and yet possess an energy and determination to toil on amidst many rebuffs and insults. Without any absolute necessity of being learned, he should be so well acquainted with his Book as to be able to put to silence the scoffer. He should not dread the hardships he will be forced to encounter, for his mission is mainly to "the lone dwellers in mountain fastnesses; searching over vast plains for the isolated ranchman; treading the dark forests to find the stalwart lumberman; ever seeking those unreached by the more fixed agencies of the gospel; and when found, pressing upon them, with a courteous but intense earnestness, the claims of God." The fields for this work are boundless, nor need we go to pagan lands to find them. Faithful colporteurs report that now there are whole mountain ranges where no gospel is preached. In the Alleghenies of Pennsylvania and Virginia are thousands of habitations to which no living pastor ever goes. In the swamps of the Southern seaboard, and the lower Mississippi, are wide wastes unvisited by the regular ministry. On the staked plains of Texas, and for 1,500 miles of its frontier, church, nor common school, nor Sunday-school is found. Such destitute regions as the above are the chosen fields of the colporteur. If I could give you even a faint outline of the work of the grand army of colporteurs who are now in the field, your hearts would be stirred to their depths. One of the best and truest of these faithful workers went home to God last December—John Ellison Vassar—who, for the whole of his working life, was a colporteur of the American Tract Society. He was very active during the war. In camp or on the march—in the shock of battle, or among the wounded as they were carried to the rear—in the hospitals, as they lay gasping out their lives from bayonet thrust or burning fever—he was ever at hand to comfort or aid the suffering. In the forced march or dreadful retreat, he was always in the rear, to carry the knapsack and gun of the feeble boys who were unable to keep up. Upon one of these occasions, Uncle John—as he was familiarly called by the soldiers, who all knew and loved him—was taken prisoner after the battle of Gettysburg, by the forces of General Stewart. When brought into the presence of the General, as a sus-

pected spy, he said to the commander, "I am working as an humble colporteur of the American Tract Society, to try and save the souls of the *dear boys* who fall around me daily. General Stewart, do you love Jesus?" The courtly general answered, "I know that good old Society, and have no fear of its emissaries." "But, my dear general, do *you* love Jesus?" The puzzled officer was relieved by the suggestion of one of his subalterns—"Take the good man's promise that he will not tell our whereabouts, and set him out of our lines, *or we will have a prayer-meeting from here to Richmond.*"

The tract, then, and its living exponent, are potent energies in the hands of God for poor sin-troubled souls. The tract system is growing in the estimation of earth's greatest workers, and they have shown to the world:

1. The tract is the least expensive of all agencies for the good of man.

2. It is the most direct of all teachings, for it has no room for preambles, but without looking at or caring for surroundings, it goes straight to its mark, and asks the question, "Do you love Jesus?"

3. It is the most modest and unobtrusive of all messengers. It will go anywhere—stay anywhere—wait any length of time without being offended, until it is noticed. It finds its way into places where the more pretentious book could not gain admission—into the drinking saloons, the gambling hells, the theaters; into the most hideous and disgusting haunts of vice it goes without a tremor for its reputation, or a care for its safety.

4. It does not resent being blasphemed and vilified. It is used to being tossed out of doors with a growl or a curse, or trampled contemptuously in the mud. It knows it will frequently be torn into shreds and flung to the winds. In all humility and patience it renews its attack on sin, allied with multiplied thousands like itself, until at last it gains the conquest.

5. It comes to the poor man's cottage, far away from all churches, where there are no books, nor songs, nor prayers, nor holy lives, and quietly bides its time, until the overworked wife and mother has time to peruse its pages; and then, bright memories of other and better days, when she heard of God in her childhood's home, come vividly before her, and, as she reads, her heart warms to the little sheet that tells of *rest* over yonder; and then she reads it to husband and children, and all feel the better for the consolation it brings.

I can not tell whether we are prepared to understand the strength of these agencies, apparently so small; for, as a people, we are more an *intelligence* than an *affection*—we are more *head* than *heart*. As yet, indeed, we are scarcely more than an embodied syllogism, forcing the grand conclusions of divine truth upon an unwilling world, rather through the agency of a pitiless logic, than through the softening, elevating influence of love. Strong and clear as an iceberg in the ocean, with a momentum altogether irresistible, we go; but many a time we freeze while we conquer. Truth convinces—love subdues; and we ask, Has not the time come when we should recognize the great oracle uttered by Paul (an oracle that does not need an inspired revelation to convince of its truth), that though we may speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have all knowledge and all faith, yet if we have not *love* we are but a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal? The church of God has its great and sublime Head—Jesus the Christ. It has also its loving

Heart—the Spirit of the living God; apart from these two grand centers there can be no body. The Head dictates—the Heart feels. The Head, the source of all truth; the Heart, the seat of all emotion. In the human body, to which the inspired penmen compare the Church of Christ, the head and heart are wonderfully united by a grand system of sympathetic nerves, and the blood, which is the life, must be propelled by the throbbing heart to the remotest parts of the system, or the body will die. How is it with us to-day as a people? We have the *Head* and the *Heart* and the *members* of the body; but we have never brought them together as the *body* of *Christ;* and this is the reason to-day why so glorious a people, with a knowledge of truth so transcendent, and with hearts so capable of profound feeling, are as yet but a cipher, compared with what they might be in the world's religious history.

But what can so small a thing as a tract accomplish? Oh! this simple and beautiful gospel of the Son of God, as some one well says, begins in the individual heart, and secretly, silently, but powerfully and without force, or fraud, or noise, it spreads, till the whole nature is penetrated by its influence, and assimilated to a new character. It is silent as the dew of heaven, but as saturating also. Like a sweet stream, it runs many a mile in silent beauty. You may trace its course, not by roaring cataracts, and rolling boulders, and rent rocks, but by the belt of verdure, greenness and fertility that extends along its margin. All great forces are silent. Strength is quiet. All great things are still. High brows are calm. Thunder and lightning are not the mightiest forces, because most audible. Gravitation, unseen and unheard, binds sun and stars into harmony, and exerts a force greater than lightning. Light comes so softly that it does not hurt an infant's eye, and yet it makes the whole earth burst into buds and blossoms. Truth and love are silent, but mighty in their action—mightier far than hate and persecution, and bribes and falsehoods, and sword and musket. Souls are won, "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

We record our vote, then, without hesitation, for the tract and its humble expositor, the colporteur; and had we the men and the money we would say, Put this quiet, but all powerful force, in operation at once; convinced as we are that the simple Bible reader, going from house to house with God's book in his hands and God's love in his heart, is more potent for good than the stately preacher with his learned discourse and studied periods. And the Spirit of God loves to nestle in hearts purified by faith and love, caring nought for the homely or costly attire of the worshipers, or whether they meet in an humble synagogue or in a gorgeous temple.

The Committee on Home Work constituted last year, a majority of whom were present, submitted the following through its Chairman, O. A. Burgess:

A majority of the Committee of Seven, appointed last year, to consider the question of home work, with President W. K. Pendleton added to their number, beg leave to submit the following:

Your Committee confess that they are unable to present a report satisfactory to themselves, without recommending a radical change in the Constitution of the Convention—a step which, at the present time, they do not think it advisable to take.

The best which can at present be done, in the estimation of your Committee, is to call special attention to Section VIII., Article 2, of the Constitution, which provides for the procuring of "special contributions under the direction of the General Board," and recommend that the General Board be instructed to require of their Secretaries and Agents to procure, when practicable, such "special contributions" by soliciting pledges of definite sums for a series of years; that the appeals for such pledges be made directly to the individual; that a proper record be made and kept of those pledges; and that each year collections be made by correspondence, rather than to incur the expenses incident to collecting by the Secretary in person.

Authorized by letter. O. A. BURGESS, C. L. LOOS, ENOS CAMPBELL, R. M. BISHOP, I. ERRETT, W. K. PENDLETON, } *Committee.*

The report was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following:

President.—T. P. Haley, Mo.

Vice-Presidents.—J. W. McGarvey, Ky.; H. W. Everest, Ill.; R. Moffett, O.

Corresponding Secretary.—F. M. Green, O.

Recording Secretaries.—N. S. Haynes, J. W. Mountjoy, George Darsie.

Treasurer.—S. G. Boyd, Covington, Ky.

Auditor.—W. S. Dickinson.

Board of Managers.—R. M. Bishop, J. F. Fisk, O. A. Bartholomew, Isaac Errett, J. Smith, Jr., B. W. Wasson, A. I. Hobbs, W. H. Lape, James Leslie.

Signed by the Nominating Committee.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Bequests submitted the following:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of *bequests*, beg leave to report, recommending the Board to employ such agencies to secure bequests as were employed last year, provided the work be made self-sustaining.

W. A. BELDING, R. MOFFETT, A. B. JONES, } *Committee.*

This report was explained, the efficient service of W. A. Belding justly commended, and the report adopted.

The members of the Convention were then edified by an earnest and impressive address by Isaac Errett, his theme being "Our Home Missions."

O. A. Carr told the Convention that a preacher was needed, and wanted to go at once to New Zealand.

On motion, Preston Taylor, pastor of the Colored Christian Church at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, addressed the Convention. His speech was a sensible, practical and earnest plea for help to educate young men of his own race for the Christian ministry. Brief remarks were made by different brethren, expressive of interest in this work, and W. A. Belding, J. W. McGarvey, T. P. Haley, O. A. Burgess and R. Moffett were appointed a Committee to take the matter under advisement, and report this afternoon.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock. Benediction by S. K. Hoshour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at 2 P. M. J. H. Hardin led in prayer, and C. C. Cline sang "Gathering Home."

The Minutes of the forenoon were read and approved. Gov. R. M. Bishop, of Ohio, as Chairman of the Hymn Book Committee, made a verbal report. It was moved that all matters suggested in this statement be referred to the Trustees of the Hymn Book, and that this be considered as an expression of our confidence in the judgment of said Trustees. The motion was discussed by J. W. McGarvey, D. P. Henderson, R. M. Bishop, Enos Campbell, F. M. Green, A. I. Hobbs, E. B. Cake, W. H. Williams, O. A. Burgess, L. H. Jameson and B. J. Radford.

The motion was then adopted.

The following Committee report was submitted, to-wit:

The Committee appointed to consider the question of aid for the colored brethren beg leave to submit the following:

1. We recommend that the "Southern Christian Institute" be looked to as ultimately the permanent institution in which colored men may be qualified for the work of the ministry; and to this end we pledge ourselves to use all the influence in our power to hasten its completion.

2. Until such time we recommend that the Board correspond with the Trustees of the Southern Christian Institute, and with the Faculties of our colleges and universities, with reference to the character of the work that may be accomplished through the aid of the latter for the time being.

3. If practicable, and your Committee are of opinion it will be found so, it is recommended that a temporary school be established in Lexington, Kentucky, and that the Faculty of the Bible College be invited to aid in the enterprise.

After discussion by D. R. Lucas, T. P. Haley, J. W. McGarvey, Enos Campbell and G. W. Minier, the report was adopted.

After singing, J. W. Monser, of Missouri, delivered an address. The Committee on Obituaries submitted the following:

The Committee on Obituaries beg leave to submit the following:

1. Bro. Jas. Challen—adopt report same as by Foreign Missionary Society.

2. Bro. Elijah Goodwin. It would be impossible, in the limits of this report, to any more than record our high appreciation of the character of such a man. Pure in heart, without a reproach in character; always earnest and constant in the service of the Lord; gentle, but firm; profoundly impressed with the rights of others, yet never yielding the truth; tireless as a worker in this Society; eminent as a preacher and author. Full of years, he died as he lived, in the full assurance of the faith of Jesus Christ; and leaves behind him the fragrance of a memory, a richer legacy to those that loved him, than gold, silver and precious stones. We tender our sincerest sympathies to Sister Goodwin and the family.

3. J. O. Beardslee. Bro. Beardslee was one of our eminent men—a man of wonderful faith, of which he gave abundant proof in the course of a long life of labor, toil and sacrifice for the cause of Christ. His work especially as a missionary is noteworthy. He was always willing to do all in his power for the promotion of the cause he so dearly loved. He died full of faith, and has gone to his reward. We tender our most heartfelt sympathies to his bereaved family.

4. Bro. Geo. A. Merwin, of New York, and John J. Palmer, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, though not so widely known, because not public men; yet to this Convention they were known as most earnest, active and liberal workers in the mission cause. Their untimely departure is sincerely mourned, but we bow humbly before Him who doeth all things well. We tender our sympathies to their friends and families.

Tender and loving reminiscences of the deceased were called up and spoken of by Brethren L. H. Jameson and D. P. Henderson, after which the report was adopted.

Adjourned. Benediction by O. A. Burgess.

EVENING SESSION.

At 6.45 o'clock the audience was called to order and favored with some songs by C. C. Cline, E. B. Cake, J. H. Hardin and L. H. Jameson. Special prayer was offered for missions and missionaries, after which R. Moffett preached an interesting sermon, based on 2 Corinthians viii.

A collection, amounting to $65.34, was taken up.

The following resolutions were read and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the sincere and hearty thanks of this Convention be tendered,

1. To each and all of the several railroad companies granting reduced rates of fare to delegates to this Convention.

2. To Messrs. Peter Whitmer, L. H. Cheeney, W. C. Watkins and Hon. T. F. Mitchell, for their courtesy and kindness in assigning the delegates to pleasant places of entertainment.

3. To the brethren and friends of Bloomington, Normal and vicinity, who have so freely and generously extended to the delegates the generous hospitality of their homes.

4. To all those friends, not only of this church and city, but of the neighboring churches, who have so bountifully contributed to the rich and savory collation furnished daily for our refreshment.

5. To all those who have so affably and efficiently, from day to day, served us as waiters at the several tables spread for us in this church.

6. Also to the pastors of the several churches, for the tender of their houses to the Convention.

7. To the papers of this city, for kindness shown.

8. To the friends, for the handsome and tasteful decoration of the church.

The following programme for Saturday was given:

1. Social service, 8.30 to 9.30.
2. Unfinished business.
3. Miscellaneous business.
4. Brief addresses by S. K. Hoshour and R. L. Cave.
5. Farewell words.
6. Adjournment at 12 M.

MORNING SESSION.

October 25, 1879.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Convention met at 8.30 A. M. Devotional exercises for thirty minutes, led by J. Z. Taylor. D. R. Lucas read the second Psalm and led in prayer. The Minutes of last sessions were read and approved. The Convention then listened to a brief address from Bro. S. K. Hoshour, giving us the benefit of his ripened experience. The Committee on Sunday-schools, through J. H. Hardin, presented the following report:

The Committee on Sunday-schools beg leave to report as follows:

We rejoice in the encouraging condition of our schools throughout the land, as exhibited in the report of the Board, and recommend—

1. That our General Evangelist continue to give his fostering care to Sunday-school work wherever he goes, and that all other evangelists in the employ of this Convention be instructed and urged to do likewise, as the basis and hope of our future missionary efforts.

2. That this Convention, through all its agencies, give diligence to cultivate the missionary spirit in the children, by bringing before the Sunday-schools everywhere all the interesting facts in its missionary work, and encouraging them to regular and liberal collections therefor.

3. That all the States, as soon as practicable, organize their Sunday-school

forces, and follow the example of Kentucky, Indiana and Missouri, in the appointment and support of evangelists wholly devoted to the work.

GEORGE DARSIE,
J. H. HARDIN,
J. H. STOVER,
} *Committee.*

Report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Wright, of Illinois, the report of the Board, made through its Secretary, F. M. Green, was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on the Place of Next Meeting reported applications from Indianapolis and Chicago, and read the following letter from Bro. Christian:

A. I. HOBBS, *Chairman of Committee on Place of Holding Next Meeting.*

Dear Brother: I am instructed formally, by the Board of Officers of the First Christian Church, of Chicago, and informally by the members generally of the Chicago churches, to earnestly and cordially invite the Convention to meet in Chicago next year. There is no city in the country more easy of access, and no better conveniences for entertainment than Chicago. Besides these facts, Chicago is the natural and commercial center of the great Northwest. Its secular newspapers are more generally read by our brethren, and those from whom we can reasonably expect to make brethren, than those of any other city in the Union. Not only that, but our Chicago newspapers are the most enterprising in the country; and we have no doubt the general public will become more and better acquainted with our people and work, by the meeting in Chicago and the publicity the secular papers will in that event give us, than they have ever been before, or than we can expect by meeting in any other city.

Yours truly,

GEO. C. CHRISTIAN, *Church Clerk.*

He also made an earnest verbal appeal for the next Convention to be held in Chicago. After remarks by Enos Campbell, O. A. Burgess, John Burns, A. I. Hobbs, Geo. W. Sweeney, on motion of Bro. F. M. Green, Chicago was unanimously selected as the place of the next meeting. On motion of A. I. Hobbs, Miss Jessie Carter, of First Christian Church, Chicago, read before the Convention, "The Curfew Must Not Ring To-night!" and "Rock of Ages."

R. Lin. Cave, President of Canton University, Missouri, addressed the Convention for a brief time, giving some excellent advice, as to the best way of treating modern infidelity, for the special benefit of younger preachers. Farewell addresses were made by Bros. Judy, Yager, Clapp, Edgar, D. R. Lucas, Haley and Williams, C. S. Lucas, J. Z. Taylor; A. I. Hobbs then responded tenderly,

on behalf of the church at Bloomington, to the resolutions of thanks passed by the Convention.

The Minutes of the session were read and approved. After appropriate closing remarks by the President, the Convention adjourned with singing, "WHEN SHALL WE MEET AGAIN?" and prayer by W. H. Hopson.

W. H. HOPSON, *President.*

N. S. HAYNES, *Secretary.*

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RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR OCTOBER 25, 1878-OCTOBER 24, 1879.

Oct., 1878.	Church at Bloomington, Ill	$36 33
	" " Niantic, Ill	15 00
	" " Peoria, Ill	1 15
	" " Bedford, Ind	6 50
	G. F. Hillman, O	3 00
	Church at St. Paul, Minn	3 00
	" " Milroy, Ind	3 60
	" " Chambersburg, Ill	25 00
	Sunday-school, Chambersburg, Ill	1 50
	Church at Allegheny City, Pa	40 00
	" " Paducah, Ky	5 00
	Fred Krauxe, Platte City, Mo	10 00
	Church at Groves, Ind	5 00
	" " Loogootee, Ind	30 00
	Mrs. H. A. Rodabaugh, Ind., for French Mission	5 00
	Church at Carthage, O	4 70
	T. A. Crenshaw, Ky	5 00
	H. B. Goe, Pittsburg, Pa	25 00
	Church at Greencastle, Ind	6 67
	A. M. Atkinson, Ind	10 00
	Mrs. C. F. N. Haskins, Va	8 00
	Church at New Castle, Pa	43 00
	" " Paris, Mo	10 00
	Mrs S. A. Bromwell, O	10 00
	"A Sister," Ill	15 00
	Philip's Church, O., for French Mission	2 00
	Sunday-school at N. Fairfield, O, for French Mission.	5 00
	Virgil C. Smith, O., for Foreign Missions	2 00
	Mrs. Mary Gorsuch, O., for C. W. B. M	1 00
	Church at Mt. Healthy, O., for Foreign Missions	10 00
	" " " C. W. B. M	5 00
	" "	5 00
	W. S. Campbell, Ind., for Foreign Missions	10 00
	Mrs. Sarah E. Campbell, for French Mission	1 00
	Collection at General Convention	69 43
	A. F. Erb, O	5 00
	E. A. Lodge, Mich	5 00
	L Harvuot, Ia	10 00
	W. H. Dougherty, Ky	1 00
	W. H. Hopson, Ky	1 00

Oct., 1878.	Mrs. John Darst, Ill	$3 00
	John Shockey, O	2 00
	Miss E. J. Dickinson, Ill	5 00
	Mrs. M. B. Parmly, O	2 00
	S G. Boyd, Ky	10 00
	Church at White Oak, O, for French Mission	5 00
	Mrs. Blanche A. Corder, Cal	50
	A. C. Dibol, O	15 00
	J. H. Garvin, O	5 00
	T. J. Clapp, O	10 00
	Total for October	$517 38
Nov., 1878.	Church at Ravenna, O	$16 18
	J. G. Encill, N. Y	1 00
	Sunday-school Institute, Eden, O	9 00
	Church at Farmington, Kan	3 65
	Sunday school, Randolph, O	1 00
	Church at Mineral Point, Wis	3 50
	F. M. Green, O	1 00
	Church at Franklin, Tenn	7 00
	R. A. Givens, Ia	1 00
	Church at McArthur, O	2 00
	" " Youngstown, O	7 00
	" " Warren, O	6 15
	W. H. Plunkett, Mo	20 00
	Church at Stow, O	3 12
	Total for November	$81 60
Dec., 1878.	Church at Bethel, O	$5 00
	Sunday-school, Randolph, O	1 00
	Church at Illiopolis, Ill	4 00
	Margaret M. Scott, Ky	5 00
	Church at Nelsonville, O	1 25
	" " Bellaire, O	5 00
	A. B. Green, Willoughby, O	1 00
	Church at Shreve, O	2 75
	" " Sullivan, O	2 24
	" " Alliance, O	2 36
	H. D. Niles, O	50
	Church at Lordstown, O	2 00
	John Darst, Ill	20 00
	John Hazlerigg, Mo	1 00
	Church at Unionport, O	2 00
	George Lundy, Mo	50
	George W. Dawson, Mo	5 00
	Wm. Appleton, Ind	10 00
	W. Keith, Mo	1 00
	Mr. T. G. Dulany, Mo	2 00
	Dr. W. L. Hedges, Mo	3 00
	Martha H. Rice, Ill	5 00
	J. S. Frank, Ky	10 00
	Church at New Antioch, O	6 25
	" " Akron, O	6 95
	S. W. Turner, Mo	2 00
	Church at Middleport, O	6 00
	" " Butler, O	1 77
	" " Minerva, O	2 17

Dec., 1878	B. F. McCord, Mo	$1 00
	Church at Leverings, O	1 50
	" " Farmington, O	1 32
	" " North Bristol, O	1 84
	" " North Bloomfield, O	1 84
	Mrs. Mattie Hutse, Mo	50
	Church at Wellington, O	4 00
	W. B. Thomson, Wellington, O	1 00
	Church at Wilmington, O	6 58
	J. D. Reid, Ky	5 00
	Malvina Ray, Mo	50
	Sunday-school, Fourth Street, Covington, Ky	2 22
	S. W. Warren, Mo	50
	D. Riggs, Ky	2 00
	Rees Gaddis, Ill	5 00
	F. M. Green, O	1 50
	Church at Green, O	6 50
	Milford Berry, Ky	5 00
	W. A. Gordon, M. D., Mo	1 00
	Linn B. Gordon, Mo	50
	Mattie E. Gordon, Mo	50
	Clara A. Sanborn, O	50
	Mrs E. F. Bumbarger, Mo	1 00
	M. L. Laughlin, Mo	1 00
	Mrs. Alcinda Poorman, O	200 00
	Mrs. N. V. Taliaferro, Mo	1 00
	T. A. C. Dry, Mo	1 00
	Minerva Dry, Mo	1 00
	Henry Horn, Mo	1 00
	Granville Snell, Mo	2 00
	C. W. Snell, Mo	1 00
	W. W. Snell, Mo	1 00
	W. H. Snell, Mo	1 00
	W. B. Houck, Mo	1 00
	James Young, Mo	1 00
	Santford Wilson, Ind	5 00
	Total for December	$385 04
Jan, 1879.	Ann B. Harwood, Mo	$1 00
	Mary A. Logan, Mo	1 00
	L. Tull, Mo	3 00
	W. F. Gilmore, Ill	1 00
	Mrs. John Holt, Ill	4 00
	Nannie Roberts, Mo	1 00
	Cash, Mexico, Mo	1 00
	Mrs. W. S. Haskell, O	3 00
	H. S. Hascall, Ill	2 00
	W. S. Worsham, Mo	1 00
	D. J. McCanne, Mo	2 00
	Lucy and Susie McCanne, Mo	1 00
	Maria McCanne, Mo	1 00
	Lydia Connel, Mo	1 00
	G. F. Hillman, O	5 00
	Charles S. Sadler, Mo	2 00
	Hymn Book Fund (1878)	150 00
	F. Willie Garrett, Mo	2 00
	Church at Hazelwood, Pa	3 45
	Nebraska, per R. C. Barrow	41 00

Jan., 1879.	Interest on Bacon Bequest	$40 58
	Lieut Charles E. Garst, New Mexico	10 00
	Church at Millersburg, O	5 30
	Nannie W. Myres, Mo	1 00
	Church at Columbus, O	2 50
	Church at Hazelwood, Pa., for Foreign Missions	3 45
	J. W. Burton, Mo	2 00
	T. J Lathrop, Ill	3 00
	Mrs. Robert McGarock, Mo	2 00
	Wm. L. Pepper, Mo	1 00
	Church at Waupun, Wis	1 00
	Mrs. E J. Gibbon, Mich	1 00
	" " " for C. W. B. M	1 00
	J. A. Blackford, Mo	4 00
	Sunday-school, Randolph, O	1 00
	W. L. Hayden, Pa, for Southern Christian Institute	5 00
	W. N. Ewing, Kan	2 00
	Hymn Book Fund (1878)	218 57
	Mrs. Mary E. Irwin, O	5 00
	"Aunt Jane's" Sunday-school Class, Stow, O	1 00
	"Class No 7," Youngstown, O., for C. W. B. M	2 25
	Mrs. T. B. Knowles, O., for C. W. B. M	1 00
	Church at Green, O., for French Mission	6 00
	Charles N. Briggs, O, for French Mission	50
	Mrs. Ruth B. Christian, Mo	5 00
	J. H. Hickman, Mo	1 00
	Miss Nettie Wilson, O	1 25
	Miss Belle Black, O	1 00
	M E. Young, Va	1 00
	Thomas B. White, Mo	2 50
	R. G. Martin, Mo	20 00
	Charles Randall, Mo	4 00
	Miss Mollie Shotwell, Mo	1 00
	W. L. Christian, Mo	2 00
	John Moore, O	5 00
	Church at Elmore, O	4 00
	" " Akron, O, for French Mission	2 00
	Total for January	$506 35
Feb., 1879.	Sunday-school, Bellaire, O	$2 00
	C. H. Chapman, Mo	2 00
	A. Levesque, Ky	6 00
	Wm. Addams, Ky	5 00
	Mrs. Mary T. Frazer, Ky	10 00
	Mrs. Artie Ashbrook, Ky	20 00
	Church at Vandalia, Mich	3 92
	J. J. Landrum, Ky	5 00
	Robert Payne, Ky	5 00
	H. P. Clore, Ky	5 00
	M. S. Dysart, Mo	2 00
	E. Ballon, Wyo. Ter	1 00
	G. W. Creason, Mo	3 00
	B. F. Creason, Mo	3 00
	A. C. Groom, Ind	5 00
	H. J. Brayboy, Fla	2 50
	Mrs. L. E. McGee, Ill	2 00
	Sunday-school, Randolph, O	1 00
	Mrs. J. W. Henry, Mo	4 00

Feb., 1879.	George Bower, Mo	$2 00
	Sunday-school, Bloomington, Ind	5 00
	Charles L. Phelps, Minn	1 00
	Mary Benton, Ind	1 00
	Mrs. M. Prigmore, Mo	1 00
	James Glasscock, Mo	15 00
	Church at Bedford, Ind	13 54
	" " " for C. W. B. M.	50
	Total for February	$126 46
March, 1879.	Church at New Albany, Ind	$20 00
	" " " " for Foreign Missions	10 00
	Mrs. Thomas Paden, Pa	4 00
	F. M Green, O	2 00
	G. W. Crump, Ill	2 00
	James D. Wyatt, Mo	2 00
	Robert A. Purdy, Mo	2 00
	Sunday-school, Randolph, O	1 00
	E H. Ross, O	1 00
	Mrs C. J. Ross, O	1 00
	Sunday-school, Bellaire, O	1 00
	Union Church, Ga	4 00
	David Carter, Ind	5 00
	Church at Randolph, O	9 20
	Sunday-school, Randolph, O	1 00
	Mary J. Robinson, Ky	5 00
	John E. Mites, Ky	5 00
	J. F. Means, Ky	10 00
	A. J. Laughlin, Ind	5 00
	George Bicknell, Ind	5 00
	John Ireland, Ind	5 00
	Louis Crowning, Ky	5 00
	J. L Caldwell, Ky	5 00
	E. Frazier, Ky	10 00
	E F. Caldwell, Ky	5 00
	Joseph Klienbub, Ind	1 00
	Church at Cleveland, O., Euclid Ave., for Foreign Missions	16 25
	" " Kipton, O., for Foreign Missions	5 50
	Mrs. I. Sturtevant, O., for French Mission	5 00
	Martha O'Kane, Mo	2 00
	Harlen Hadley, Ind	5 00
	John Allen, Ind	5 00
	W. V. Utter, O	5 00
	A. C. Chenoweth, Mo	2 00
	Church at Corinth, Ga	2 10
	W. H. Broaddus, Ind	5 00
	Isaac Powell, Ind	5 00
	Miss Frankie McDonald, O	2 00
	Hymn Book Fund (1878)	26 22
	Total for March	$212 27
April, 1879.	George E. Flower, O	$5 00
	Church at Cameron, Mo., for Foreign Missions	4 47
	Nebraska, per R. C. Barrow	57 00
	F. M. Green, O	6 00
	Ohio Christian Missionary Society	5 00
	David F. Cox, Ind	2 50
	J. C. Coddington, Ill	2 00

April, 1879.	E. Gowing, N. Y	$25 00
	Sunday-school Institute, Angola, Ind	15 00
	George W. Titworth, Ind	2 00
	John S. Myres	6 00
	G. W. Constant, Ill	5 00
	W. S Constant, Ill	3 00
	G. F Strawn, Ill	3 00
	Sunday-school, Bellaire, O	1 00
	James M. Allen, Ill., for Foreign Missions	10 00
	Martha Blair, Ill	2 00
	Church at Antioch, Ga	9 60
	Isaac Hayden, Mo	5 00
	Mrs. E. A. Looney, Ind	1 00
	Church at Sharon, Pa	3 50
	Churches in Alabama and Florida (colored)	6 78
	Church at Harmony, O	2 55
	J. F. Woodrow, O	1 00
	Total for April	$183 40
May, 1879.	J. M. Vandervoort, O	$5 00
	J. S. Vandervoort, O	2 50
	J. F. Elliott, Ky	15 00
	Chat. Munsell, Ill	5 00
	Sunday-school, Allegheny City, Pa	10 00
	" " " " for Foreign Missions	5 00
	Church at Allegheny City, Pa	20 00
	" " Cortland, O., for Foreign Missions	2 50
	" " Fowler, O., " " "	3 60
	" " Hartford, O, " " "	1 75
	" " Loogootee, Ind	15 75
	" " Felt's Mills, N. Y	1 00
	Milton Sprong, Ind	4 00
	C. S. Wilson, Ind	3 00
	Church at Barnesville, O	3 31
	" " Hendrysburgh, O	1 86
	" " Bethesda, O	2 28
	G. L. Wharton, N. Y	1 00
	Church at Quaker City, O	1 25
	Mrs. B. U. Watkins, Mo	35 00
	Joseph Ryan, O	1 00
	Sunday-school, Bendfork, O	57
	Church at Bendfork, O	2 66
	" " Belmont Ridge, O	4 55
	" " Beallsville, O	2 14
	" " Morristown, O	2 60
	" " Malaga, O	1 50
	Sunday-school, Bellaire, O	1 00
	C. C. Miller, O	3 00
	Mattie A. Pond, O	2 00
	John Bashore, O	5 00
	John W. Durham, O	3 00
	E. A. Barber, O	3 00
	G. L. Denham, Mo	2 00
	Church at Sandy Bottom, Va	2 56
	" " Chattanooga, Tenn	1 72
	" " Boston, O	40
	" " Rich Fork, O	2 13
	" " Woodsfield, O	2 61

May, 1879.	John Stine, Antioch, O	$0 50
	Church at Mt. Zion, O	50
	C. B. Scott, Penn	50
	Sunday-school, Randolph, O	1 00
	H. F. Clippel, Ind	5 00
	W. B. Thomson, W. Va	2 00
	Church at Bellaire, O	5 00
	" " Morristown, O	2 40
	Ohio Christian Missionary Society	100 00
	C. Wiles, O	1 00
	Ill. Christian Sunday-school Association, Mattoon, Ill	15 00
	Total for May	$315 14
June, 1879.	Church at Scio, N. Y	$3 22
	" " Galilee, Ga	5 65
	W. P. Baker, Mo	2 00
	Sunday-school, Bellaire, O	1 00
	R. H. Wynne and wife, Va	2 00
	C. B. Jones, M. D., Va	2 00
	H. M. Hickok, O	3 00
	J. H. Fillmore, O	25 00
	Church at Union, Ga	1 70
	James H. Smith, Ky	5 00
	G. F. Hillman, O	5 00
	Mrs. E. G. Gibbon, Mich	1 00
	Wm. M. Bostoph, Mo	10 00
	Richard Murphy, Ill	5 00
	Sunday-school, Randolph, O	1 00
	B. U. Watkins, Mo	10 00
	Mrs. S. A. Bromwell, O	10 00
	H. Turner, Ky	5 00
	N. V. Vandervoort, O	5 00
	Jacob B. Thomas, Md	10 00
	Fifth St. Church, Covington, Ky	15 00
	Total for June	$127 57
July, 1879.	Sunday-school, Randolph, O	$1 00
	Church at Assumption, Ill	1 68
	Thomas J. Clark, Ind	5 00
	L. W. Whaley, Ky	5 00
	Church at Corinth, Ga	1 00
	Henry Sulack, O	1 00
	Mrs. J. C. Mason, Ind	2 00
	Sunday-school, Bellaire, O	1 00
	Barton W. Cole, Ind	12 50
	Mrs. D. T. Ellis, Ky	5 00
	Church at Kent, O	2 08
	Nebraska, per R. C. Barrow	28 00
	Church at Newberry, S. C	44 90
	Total for July	$110 16
Aug., 1879.	R. Faurot, Mich	$10 00
	Richmond St. Church, Cincinnati, O	15 00
	Sunday-school, Bellaire, O	1 00
	" Randolph, O	1 00
	Church at Stow, O	5 52

Aug., 1879.	Brethren at Boston, O	$2 00
	D. C. Barber, Ill	2 50
	W. F. Richardson, Ill	2 00
	John D. Smith, Ill	5 00
	J. F. Burgman, Ill	2 00
	Church at Newberry, S. C	3 10
	A Sister, Canada	75 00
	Church at Millersburg, O	3 20
	R. Faurot, Mich	10 00
	Total for August	$137 32
Sept, 1879.	Seymore C. Farren, O	$10 00
	C. A. Hedrick, Mo, for French Mission	17 35
	J. J. Armstrong, Mo., " " "	1 00
	Missouri State Convention	97 75
	Church at Sedalia, Mo	4 00
	Mrs. Belle M. Hugley, Mo	5 00
	Mary J. Hays, Mo	2 50
	O. Q. Oviatt, Ind	2 00
	Mrs. M. Trowbridge, Ill	10 00
	Sunday-school, Randolph, O	1 00
	W. T. Martin, Wis	1 00
	John H. Gillaspie, Ill	1 00
	J. W. Lawhead, O	5 00
	H. T. Morrison, Wis	50
	Wisconsin State Convention	45 00
	Sunday-school, West Lima, Wis	1 32
	Total for September	$204 42
Oct, 1879.	Lieut. Charles E. Garst, Fort Stanton, N. Mex.	$50 00
	J. W. Robinson, Ind	10 00
	Central Christian Chapel, Indianapolis, Ind	13 00
	Church at Illiopolis, Ill	5 22
	" " Decatur, Ill	1 25
	" " Washington, Pa	10 30
	" " Assumption, Ill	5 32
	" " Nunda, Ill., for Foreign Missions	2 00
	Nebraska, per R. C. Barrow	35 15
	Dr. E. Williams, Cincinnati, O	5 00
	Joseph Smith, Jr., " "	5 00
	H. Simpkinson, " "	1 00
	A. S. Ludlow, " "	1 00
	D. M. Hawkins, " "	1 00
	Church at Newport, Ky	8 57
	" " New Castle, Pa	25 00
	Dr. J. B. Mitchell, Cherry Grove, Va	5 00
	L. C. Angel, S. C., for Foreign Missions	5 00
	W. S. Dickinson, O	10 00
	W. B. Ebbert, O	5 00
	Church at Dutch Fork, W. Va	3 80
	Charles Beirig, " "	5 00
	W. B. Thomson, W. Va	1 00
	J. F. Woodrow, O	1 00
	J. H. Fillmore, O	25 00
	B. W. Wasson, O	2 00
	Church at Bloomington, Ill	5 00
	Sunday-school, Allegheny City, Pa	10 00

Oct, 1879.	Church at Athens, Ill	$5 00
	J. K. P. South, Ky	10 00
	Church at Lancaster, Ky	12 65
	" " Lanark, Ill	10 00
	J. W. Spriggs, Ill	5 00
	Church at Weston, Ill	2 50
	" " Belton, Mo	6 30
	Jefferson St. Church, Abingdon, Ill	2 50
	G. L. Brokow, Ill	2 00
	Church at Monmouth, Ill	3 00
	" " Linnville, Ill	11 00
	W. A. Faddis, St. Paul, Minn	5 00
	Church at Payson, Ill	10 50
	" " Main St., Lexington, Ky	13 55
	Kentucky State Convention	200 00
	Mrs. Malinda Howe, Ill	5 00
	Church at Antioch, Ill	1 59
	" " Burnside, Ill	4 25
	" " Adrian, Ill	3 00
	" " Ferris, Ill	1 00
	" " Farmer's City, Ill	4 25
	" " Mt. Pleasant, Ill	2 50
	" " Toulon, Ill	3 20
	" " Des Moines, Ia	6 00
	" " Pittsfield, Ill	14 00
	" " Davenport, Ia	5 00
	General Collection	49 97
	J. F. Burgnan, Ill	2 00
	Church at Chandlersville, Ill	13 50
	" " Lexington, Ill	1 80
	Mrs. M. D. Eyman, Ill	2 00
	W. A. Belding, Troy, N. Y	200 00
	Total for October	$874 67

Total amount	$3,781 78
Hymn Book Fund	1,000 00
Collections by Dr. Belding	1,247 31
Total receipts	$6,029 09

SUPPLEMENT TO RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The following is the detailed report of Dr. W. A. Belding's cash receipts by months:

Jan., 1879.	Church at Rupert, Vt	$6 02
	C. M. Robertson, N. Y	3 35
	Mrs S J. Morgan, Ind	30 00
	B. H. Hayden, Pa	60 00
	R. J. Mitchell, Ill	10 00
	J. E Railsback, Ill	5 00
	W. L Hayden, Pa	5 00
	Jefferson Gist, Ind	33 36
	January	$152 73

Feb., 1879.	S. E. Frazee, Ind	$50 00
	Dr. E Williams, O	100 00
	John Blair, O	20 00
	Joseph King, Pa	25 00
	Mrs. S. F. Savage, Ill	50 00
	James Stewart, Ind	35 00
	C. M. Robertson, N. Y	23 00
	Mrs. Harriet Judah, Ind	30 00
	Church at Richmond, Ind	40 00
	" " Dublin, Ind	7 00
	February	$380 00
March, 1879.	George Whitmyre, O	$2 00
	Church at Manchester, O	2 14
	H. E. Payne, Pa	5 00
	Mrs. Elmyra Winslow, O	5 00
	G. W. Lewis, N. Y	3 00
	Matilda Anderson, O	1 00
	Church at Syracuse, N. Y	5 00
	Lott McCrary, O	50 00
	Charles Leslie, Ia	50 00
	J. D. Metcalf, Ill	50 00
	R. Fanrot, Mich	50 00
	March	$223 14
April, 1879.	Thomas Quissenburg, Ill	$10 00
	B. W. Cole, Ind	50 00
	C. G. Owen, Ia	5 00
	Mrs. G. L Stanard, N. Y	50 00
	Church at Pawlet, Vt	5 53
	Mrs. Thomas Loring, N. Y	1 00
	Brother Gillett, N. Y	30 00
	April	$151 53
May, 1879.	Asenath Sherman, N. Y	$5. 00
	Miss C. T. Canfield, Pa	5 00
	Thomas Davis, O	6 50
	Church at Canfield, O	7 11
	" " Green, O	2 50
	Mrs. M. E. Servis, O	1 00
	Church at Minerva, O	3 29
	" " Columbus, O	10 00
	" " Elmore, O	1 86
	" " Hopedale, O	4 16
	Peter Hoobler, O	5 00
	Thomas McNary, O	1 00
	Church at Bellaire, O	4 53
	" " Smithfield, O	1 78
	May	$58 73
June to October, 1879.	James Chambers, O	$1 00
	J. Heatherington, O	1 00
	Geo. P. Slade, Pa	0 50
	Peter Vogel, O	2 00
	Church at Columbus, O	140 00
	" " Urichsville, O	6 35

June to October, 1879. Church at New Philadelphia, O	$2 35
Mrs. Mary Eagy, O	10 00
Mrs M. B. Baldwin, O	1 00
L. S. Bull, O	12 50
Mrs. Rebecca Haynes, O	1 00
Dr. H. M Sanborn, O	12 00
Church at Mt. Olivet, O	4 49
Mrs Cynthia Belding, O	1 00
Church at Geneva, O	4 06
" " Throopsville, N. Y	2 88
" " Poestenkill, N. Y	6 00
Mrs. H. Collins, O	20 00
J. T. Owen, N. Y	10 00
Bradford and Tioga, N. Y., Annual Meeting	15 55
Mrs. Alcinda Poorman, O	10 00
Church at Bridgeport, Ct	10 00
" " Aurora, N. Y	5 00
" " Marilla, N. Y	2 50
June to October	$281 18
Total collections	$1,247 31

AMOUNTS PAID OUT BY ORDERS.

No. 1,069	$33 00	No. 1,097	$10 00
1,070	10 00	1,098	35 00
1,071	50 00	1,111	10 00
1,080	109 00	1,112	50 00
1,081	17 00	1,113	125 00
1,083	146 83	1,114	10 00
1,084	35 00	1,115	25 00
1,085	39 60	1,116	25 00
1,086	40 00	1,117	50 00
1,087	6 00	1,118	50 00
1,088	45 82	1,119	20 00
1,089	9 00	1,120	37 25
1,090	25 00	1,121	6 50
1,092	10 28	1,122	25 63
1,093	200 00	1,123	133 33
1,094	24 17	1,124	59 00
1,095	25 26	1,125	21 53
1,096	125 00	1,126	17 32
1,091	400 00	1,127	50 57
1,099	68 67	1,128	9 60
1,100	5 79	1,129	6 78
1,101	11 95	1,130	10 00
1,102	4 25	1,131	32 97
1,103	5 00	1,132	266 67
1,104	6 30	1,133	29 12
1,105	266 67	1,134	5 40
1,106	2 00	1,135	51 75
1,107	10 00	1,136	44 90
1,108	20 00	1,137	133 33
1,109	53 28	1,138	125 00

1,139	$3 00	1,149	$25 00
1,140	14 00	1,150	400 00
1,141	15 40	1,151	50 00
1,142	133 34	1,152	25 00
1,143	5 00	1,153	30 00
1,144	3 60	1,153	25 91
1,145	112 15	1,154	45 35
1,146	75 00	1,155	51 13
1,147	10 00	1,156	5 00
1,148	125 00	1,157	1,447 31

Due Treasurer on last year's account, ... 6
Total amount of orders, ... 5,883 27
Cash in Treasury, October 23, ... 145 82

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH SMITH, JR., *Rec Sec'y.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Whole amount received during the year, . . $6,029 09
Whole amount disbursed during the year, as per orders, 5,883 27

Balance in Treasury, . . . $145 82

JAMES LESLIE, *Treasurer.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Having examined the accounts of the Recording Secretary and Treasurer, I certify that they are correct. W. S. DICKENSON, *Auditor.*

CINCINNATI, *October* 23, 1879.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This organization shall be called the *General Christian Missionary Convention.*

ART. II. Its objects shall be the spread of the gospel in this and in other lands, according to the following plan of church co-operation.

Section 1. (*a*) There shall be a General Board and Corresponding Secretary.

(*b*) A Board and Corresponding Secretary for each State to co-operate with the General Board.

(*c*) District Boards in each State, and a Secretary in each district, whose duty it shall be to visit all the churches in his district in order to induce them to accept the missionary work as part of their Christian duty.

Sec. 2. There shall be an annual convention in each district, the business of which shall be transacted by messengers appointed by

the churches; an annual convention in each State, the business of which shall be conducted by messengers sent from the churches of the State, it being understood, however, that two or more churches, or all the churches of a district, may be represented by messengers mutually agreed upon; and an annual general convention, the business of which shall be conducted by messengers from the State conventions.

Sec. 3. The General Convention shall annually appoint nine brethren who, together with the Corresponding Secretaries of the States and the Presidents of the State Boards, shall constitute a General Board, who shall meet annually to transact the general missionary business, and appoint a committee of five to superintend the work in the intervals between their annual meetings.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the General Board and Corresponding Secretary to provide for and superintend missionary operations in destitute places not actually in State and district organizations, and to promote the harmonious co-operation of all the State and District Boards and Conventions.

Sec. 5. There shall be also a State Board and Corresponding Secretary in each of the States, elected annually by the messengers sent to the State Convention, and it shall be the duty of said Boards and Secretaries to manage the missionary interests in their respective States in harmony with the system of general co-operation.

Sec. 6. Each State shall be divided into districts of suitable limits by the State Board; the messengers from the churches of each district shall elect, at their annual conventions, a Board and a Secretary; and the business of each Secretary shall be to visit all the churches in his district, and, in co-operation with their own officers, induce them to contribute and send to the District Treasurer money for the support of missions.

Sec. 7. Each church, over and above the sum it may contribute for missionary work under its immediate control, shall give a pledge to pay annually to its District Treasurer a definite sum for other missionary work, and that one-half of such contributions may be under the control of the District Boards for missionary work in the districts, the other half to be sent to the State Board, to be divided equally between it and the General Board for their respective works; but this recommendation is not to be considered as precluding a different distribution of funds when the church contributing shall so decide.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duties of the Corresponding Secretaries of the General Board, the State Boards and District Boards, respectively, and of such other agents as the General Board may employ, to procure special contributions under the direction of the General Board, and used by it for the missionary work committed to their management.

Sec. 9. The churches shall send reports to the District Boards in

time for District Conventions; the district shall send up reports to the State Boards in time for State Conventions, and the State Boards shall send up reports to the General Board in time for the General Convention, so that a report of all our missionary operations may appear in the Minutes of the General Convention.

Sec. 10. Each State Convention shall be entitled to two delegates in the General Convention, and to one additional delegate for every five thousand Disciples in the State.

ART. III. The officers of this Convention shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and three Recording Secretaries, who shall be chosen annually, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. IV. The Treasurer shall be required to give bonds for such an amount as the committee of five may determine.

ART. V. Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The committee of five shall live in or near Cincinnati.

ART. VI. All life directors and life members of the American Christian Missionary Society shall be members of this Convention.

ART. VII. The annual meetings of this Convention shall be held in Cincinnati, on Thursday, at 2 P. M., after the third Lord's day in October, or at such other time and place as shall have been designated at a previous meeting.

ART. VIII. This Constitution may be altered by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting of the Convention, but a year's notice of said change must be given, unless it is recommended by the Board.

BY-LAW—ADOPTED AT INDIANAPOLIS, 1870.

Resolved, That all members of the Church of Christ, who may attend the annual meetings of the General Convention, shall be entitled to participate in its deliberations; and this is hereby adopted as a by-law of this Constitution.